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ASSISTANCE PLANNING FOR YAR

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1. WISH RECOMMEND DEPARTMENT POSTPONE COMPLETION
WASHINGTON REACTION TO PREVIOUS PROPOSALS FOR SAG
MILITARY TRAINING FOR YAR UNTIL LATE THIS MONTH
OR EARLY OCTOBER.

2. FROM MY RECENT DISCUSSIONS IN AMMAN WITH AMBASSADOR
BROWN AND JORDAN'S AMBASSADOR TO SANAA, GENERAL
MUSTAFA, WE UNDERSTOOD THAT ON BASIS OF REIMBURSEMENT
FROM OTHER AREA STATES INTERESTED IN HELPING NORTH
YEMEN (SAUDI ARABIA AND ABU DHABI) GOJ LIKELY
BE WILLING TAKE ON A MAJOR PORTION OF TRAINING ROLE AND
HAS RECEIVED SIGNALS OF SAG APPROVAL. OUR CONVERSATIONS
INDICATED THAT FIRM DECISIONS BY KING HUSSEIN COULD BE
EXPECTED BY LATE SEPTEMBER AND WOULD PROMPTLY BE
PASSED TO AMBASSADOR BROWN. THIS VIEW OF WHAT JORDAN
WILL DO WILL LEAVE US IN BETTER POSITION ASSESS WHAT

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REMAINS TO BE DONE BY SAUDI ARABIA AND PERHAPS IRAN.

3. ALSO, COLONELS MALONEY AND FIFER WILL BE
RETURNING TO JIDDA LATE IN MONTH TO REVIEW THEIR CONCLUSION.
THIS MISSION WILL INTER ALIA PROVIDE EYEWITNESS
EVALUATION OF SAUDI TRAINING CAPABILITIES. FIFER IN
TURN HAS SEEN MILITARY SITUATION HERE AND HAS GOOD
APPRECIATION OF YAR'S ABSORPTIVE AND SUPPORT CAPABILITIES
AS WELL AS ITS NEEDS. I HAVE DISCUSSED WITH AMBASSADOR
THACHER OPPORTUNITY THAT COL. MALONEY'S IN-HOUSE JIDDA ROUNDUP
WOULD PROVIDE FOR RESPECTIVE EMBASSIES TO JOINTLY
FORMULATE SOME THOUGHTS AND REALISTIC
POLITICO/MILITARY RECOMMENDATIONS ON WHAT WE WOULD LIKE
TO SEE SAG UNDERTAKE VIS A VIS NORTH YEMEN. MY THOUGHT,
IF DEPARTMENT AND AMBASSADOR AKINS APPROVE, WOULD BE TO
SEND DCM NEWTON TO JIDDA FOR A DAY OR TWO TO PARTICIPATE
IN DISCUSSION.
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